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Conservation Department to accept Christmas trees for recycling

Trees can be dropped off through Jan 17

The Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery on south Missouri Highway 165 in Branson is once again accepting live Christmas trees for recycling. The trees will be used for erosion control and habitat enhancements in area lakes.

This service is free and can be used by individuals or companies. Before recycling trees, the Conservation Department asks that all decorations, tinsel, frosting, twine and plastic be removed from trees.

Trees can be taken to a site near the boat ramp at the Hatchery and placed off of the parking lot surface. People should look for the green "Tree Recycling" signs directing them to the drop-off location. Because this is a self-service activity, trees can be brought to the Hatchery any time day or night from December 26 through January 17. The Hatchery will not pick up trees.

For more information or directions, contact the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery Conservation Center at 417-334-4865, extension 0.